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Deputy Director
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Dear Sir:

Recently in going through my research files, I came across a Chicago-Sun-Times article (May 2, 1976) dealing with the probe of the FBI, the CIA, and other U.S. Government agencies. My interest was aroused when I read that the CIA had (purportedly) used..."academics, located in 100 American colleges, universities and related institutions"...have written as many as 1,250 books the CIA secretly financed and published."

I am not interested in having the CIA finance and publish any book I might write.

Among other things, I write the "Death Merchant" action/adventure series (about 12-million in print, including foreign countries), in which the lead, "Richard Camellion," the "Death Merchant," usually fights the KGB or the GRU, or some set of "bad guys" here in the U.S.

I usually try to get in a pitch for the American way of life, etc., either in "thoughts" or in dialog.

My thought is this: I should be happy to include anything the CIA might want me to include. A word here, a sentence there, or even a paragraph or a page (within context).

NO, I AM NOT trying to be subtle and obtain any material for an "expose of the CIA." I'm not stupid. I don't want the CIA frowning at me. In fact, I'm 100 percent against all the nonsense the media prints about the FBI, the CIA, et al organizations. Not that I'm a member of the super-Right. I'm not a member of anything. But I do know that

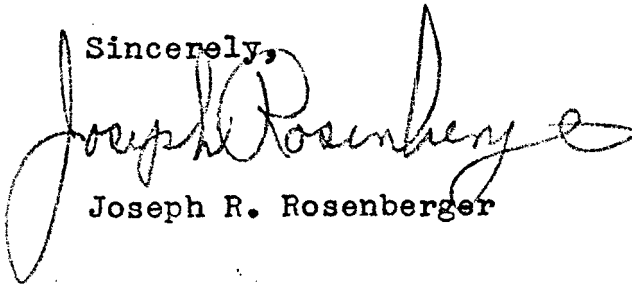
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any intelligence agency can't function if it has to report its every move and action to a group of Senators...if the "American people have a right to know" means that the press should print anything the CIA might do. This is all damned nonsense. The press has certainly done the KGB a great favor.

All I know about intelligence is what I have read. I do feel that when all is said and done, the whole business boils down to this: it's either THEM or US.

Money is not my motivation in wanting to help the CIA. Forget money. I'd just like to do something for my country and contribute toward preserving our way of life. It's that simple.

Sincerely,

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Joseph R. Rosenberger

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